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SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON DPC

1. REGULAR BRIEFING ON DPC FOR SPANISH TOOK PLACE MAY 20 IN NEW FORUM OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO, ESTABLISHED UNDER THE TREATY. USNATO DEFENSE ADVISOR LEGERE DID THE BRIEFING, JOINED BY DCM EATON, AND LTCOL ROBERTS AND MR. PENDLETON OF USNATO. SPANISH SIDE REPRESENTED BY DIRGEN OF N. AMERICAN & PACIFIC AFFAIRS JUAN DURAN; SPANISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON ROVIRA; SUBDIRECTOR GENERAL FOR WESTERN EUROPE JORGE DEL PINO; WESTERN EUROPE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTOR LUIS DE LA TORRE; LT. COL. EMILIO ALONSO MANGLANO AND MAJOR RODRIGO OF HIGH GENERAL STAFF; AND US-SPANISH COUNCIL PERMSEC LUIS CUERVO.

2. DR. LEGERE PROVIDED BACKGROUND TO AND DESCRIPTION OF DPC DELIBERATIONS, STRESSING DISCUSSIONS ON LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES AND MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. COPIES OF DPC COMMUNIQUE AND UNCLASSIFIED MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, SECDEF BROWN'S ATLANTA SPEECH AND BRUSSELS PRESS CONFERENCE, AND PRESIDENT'S LONDON SPEECH AND NAC COMMUNIQUE PROVIDED TO SPANISH.

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3. QUESTIONS ASKED INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:
--IS THE CONCERN OVER SHORT WARNING ATTACKS, INDICATED BY THE DECISION TO IMPROVE READINESS, BASED ON (A) THE REPORTS OF SENATORS NUNN AND BARTLETT AND OF GEN. HOLLINGSWORTH, AND ON GEN. CLOSE'S BOOK, OR (B) INDEPENDENT ANALYSES BY NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES?

--WILL THIS CONCERN BE CONVEYED TO THE PUBLIC IN ALLIANCE COUNTRIES?

--WHAT REACTION HAS THERE BEEN, AND WHAT IS ANTICIPATED, FROM WARSAW PACT IN LIGHT OF ANNOUNCED LONG AND SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES?

--WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, HAVE CSCE FINAL ACT AND SUBSEQUENT CBM'S HAD ON TENSION/DETENTE IN EUROPE?

--AS MR. HOLMES DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THE MILITARY ASPECTS?

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM AFTER MEETING, DURAN SUGGESTED THAT NATO EXPERTS COMING NEXT MONTH TO BRIEF CESEDEN MEET WITH AD HOC COMMITTEE ALSO, PERHAPS AT WORKING LUNCH. STABLER

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